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# NEMO News

An e-newsletter for University of Missouri-Columbia MLS students living in the Nebraska area.

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## Discovery

*"The true voyage of discovery consists not of seeking new landscapes, but having new eyes." ~ Proust*



pradeep raghunathan - 2004

*Man stands in his  
own shadow and  
wonders why it's  
dark. ~Zen  
Proverb*



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## **Note of Thanks from Ruth Carlock**

Dear Faculty and Students in the Nebraska/Missouri Library Science Program,

Thank you for the support you have given me during this difficult time. I have very much appreciated the cards and the lovely flower arrangement that was sent for the Memorial Service. I am so blessed to have you in my life.

Ruth Carlock

*"I do not fear the storm, for I have learned to sail my ship."*

*~ Louisa May  
Alcott*



## **Student Spotlight**

**Gary Katz** is in the spotlight for this month, thanks Gary!

### **Q: What is your education/library/professional background?**

I have a Masters in English from UNO & a B.A. in English from Drake University. Up to now, I have taken (3) classes in the Library Program. Right now I am Library Administrator at the Kripke Jewish Federation Library.

### **Q: What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?**

I tend to read classics. The greatest book I think ever written is Madame Bovary. Recently, I just finished reading The Bread Givers by Anzia Yezzikova for a "Let's Talk about it Literature" program sponsored by ALA.

### **Q: What professional journal or article have you read and would recommend? Why?**

I read American Libraries and Publishers Weekly to assist in the selection of materials.

### **Q: What do you do in your "down time"? Your hobbies/recreation, how do you relax?**

I never get any down time since I have two small children - Joseph 2 years old and Charlotte 14 months old. I barely have time to catch up. I recently bought an IPOD and have been putting my whole life in CD's on it. It's very time consuming.

### **Q: What deep dark secret would you like to share?**

A few months ago, I was up very late and watched a movie on the Lifetime network. It was about a man who faked his own death to marry someone else and started robbing banks. This still haunts me -not the movie, just the fact that I was watching Lifetime.

### **Q: Name one of your personal or professional qualities that make you, or will make you, a leader in 21st century library and information centers.**

No matter how technology changes, I feel that library work is still all about customer service. Everyone is treated with the same level of service at the Kripke Library -exceptional and the library is a welcoming place for adults and children. I make sure that my staff and I give our full attention to our patrons. I think that makes all of the difference in the world.

### **Q: What advice do you have for current Graduate Students?**

I have the same advice for myself -everything I have learned so far in my classes really does apply to my job on a daily basis. Pay attention and listen. It pays to know.

### **Q: What do you see as key future trends and challenges in LIS?**

Digitization of libraries.

### **Q: What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?**

Quality, Commitment, and Customer Service (or is that Qwest?)

### **Q: Any Last Words?**

Once in awhile  
you get shown the light  
in the strangest of places  
if you look at it right.

*"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."*

*~ Confucius*



## **Alumni Annotations**

Thanks to **Karrie Simpson** for her time and thoughts!

### **Q: What is your education/library/professional background?**

I received my Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, majoring in French and Secondary Education. At the time I was working part time at the library. When I didn't get a teaching job, I took a position of Youth Service Librarian Assistant at Lincoln City Libraries. After I realized just how much fun working in a library could be, I decided to go after my Masters degree from Missouri! I graduated from the program in May 2005. I am currently the Youth Service Librarian at Anderson branch in Lincoln.

### **Q: What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?**

Right now I am recommending "The Time-Traveler's Wife" to everyone I see. It is the best book I read in 2005. Since I work in youth services I read mostly children's books. But I love to read Young Adult fiction, even in my own time. I am currently reading "Flipped" by Wendelin Van Draanen; I recently finished a great YA book called "Absolutely Positively Not".

### **Q: What professional journal or article have you read and would recommend? Why?**

I love VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates). It gives great ideas and advice for working with Young Adults. I think everyone who comes in contact with teens in the library should read it, even if it isn't your main job.

### **Q: What do you do in your "down time"? Your hobbies/recreation, how do you relax?**

I just recently bought a new house, so I have been busy unpacking and decorating that. I am in the process of painting art work for my walls... even though I am no artist!

### **Q: What deep dark secret would you like to share?**

I am a reality TV junkie. I love American Idol, and I have even done my share of voting! Carrie Underwood was my pick all along last season... and this year, I am going to go with Chris!

### **Q: Name one of your personal or professional qualities that make you, or will make you, a leader in 21st century library and information centers.**

I am ready to devote my time to ensuring that teens are welcome and respected in the public library. They are our future mayors and senators!

### **Q: What advice do you have for current Graduate Students?**

Comps are more intimidating than difficult. It's like a mind game – if you can make it through, you can pass!

### **Q: What do you see as key future trends and challenges in LIS?**

Obviously technology is going to be a huge part of our future. I have been working with my Teen Advisory Board on making a special webpage just for our library. The challenge is going to be getting the older adults on board. They can't stand it when they see young adults on the internet playing games, as if that was such a waste of time. We can't let this technology divide us!

### **Q: What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?**

I hope Lincoln has an entire generation that can look back and say "Remember that one librarian at Anderson branch; she used to be so nice to us when we were rambunctious teen-agers." and that just might effect their lives more than I will ever know.

*"Librarians, Dusty, possess a vast store of politeness. These are people who get asked regularly the dumbest questions on God's green earth. These people tolerate every kind of crank and eccentric and mouth-breather there is."*

~ Garrison Keillor



## **Faculty Focus**

Thanks to **Dorothy Willis** for sharing her experiences!

### **Q: What is your education/library/professional background?**

I graduated from Peru State College with a major in Education/English and a minor in Library Science. From there, I moved on to the University of Denver, where I earned my master's degree in librarianship. During the course of my career, I have provided library/information services in school, special and academic libraries, most recently at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I retired in December, 2005, and am planning to do some consulting work in the library field.

### **Q: What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?**

Currently, I'm reading *Kite Runner*, as well as a mystery by Ruth Rendell. I want to get back to *1421*, a book theorizing that the Chinese traveled to the Americas before Columbus. I had to put that one aside due to the demands of fall semester. In general, I read mysteries and historical fiction for relaxation and a variety of nonfiction for enlightenment and/or personal growth.

### **Q: What professional journal or article have you read and would recommend? Why?**

I read *American Libraries* just to stay current with what's happening in the library world in general. As an academic librarian, I tried to at least leaf through *C&RL News* each month and read articles that are especially pertinent to whatever my current projects are. *College & Research Libraries* is also important, but I tend to go to it when I have a specific information need, rather than reading each issue from cover to cover. Some of the articles can be pretty heavy reading unless a person has a special interest in the

topic. I used the Shill and Tonner articles on library buildings many times during my term as interim dean of the library. They're essential reading for a discussion of library as place.

### **Q: What do you do in your "down time"? Your hobbies/recreation, how do you relax?**

The answer to the second question indicates that reading is high on the list. I also enjoy doing counted cross stitch and other needlework from time to time. Taking a nice, long walk is a great way to relax. Now that I'm retired, I hope to get back to doing some sewing and crafts and come up with creative gift ideas for family and friends.

### **Q: What deep dark secret would you like to share?**

People laugh when I tell them this, but down deep, I'm a shy person who has to work at meeting and greeting.

### **Q: Name one of your personal or professional qualities that make you, or will make you, a leader in 21st century library and information centers.**

Ability to network effectively.

### **Q: What advice do you have for current Graduate Students?**

Embrace change. It sounds trite, but it's so true. The field of library/information science has evolved tremendously since I earned my master's degree. I don't think I could have been a librarian for all these years if I hadn't kept my eye on what changes were on the horizon and determined how they would fit my library or how my library needed to change to incorporate them. The only way to be successful and influential in the field is to welcome change and try to ride the waves rather than letting them overwhelm you.

### **Q: What do you see as key future trends and challenges in LIS?**

Digitization will continue as a trend, although I think we need to be very cautious

*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."*  
~ Mark Twain



about putting all or most of our eggs in the electronic format basket. I hope to see greater efforts to ensure that information presented only in electronic format doesn't just disappear.

A huge challenge for us is to advocate for the concept of library as place. Too many people still believe the nonsense about the Internet replacing libraries, so it's up to us to shout from the rooftops the importance and community benefits of the library as place.

The role of librarians as educators and guides to the crazy, complex world of information will continue to grow.

### **Q: What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?**

That's a tough one. I hope it will be growth in the profession because of the people I have mentored and helped to realize their potential over the years.

### **Q: Any Last Words?**

Teaching is one of the most rewarding things I do. It is my great pleasure to be a small part of the faculty.

## **Registration for Summer and Fall classes NOW!**

The Summer and Fall '06 class schedules are posted on the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) website. <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/>

## **An Invitation**

**NMRT** and the **NLA Diversity Committee** invite you to attend:

### **Discussing Diversity: A Spring Program at the Little Priest Tribal College Library**

**Lunch:** Lunch/NMRT business meeting (all are welcome for lunch). "Indian tacos" (taco-type fillings on Indian flatbread) will be served.

**Session I:** Tour of and discussion about the Little Priest Tribal College Library, led by Gretchen Healey, LPTC Library Director. Beside serving a diverse community, LPTC Library is also a dual public-academic library.

**Session II:** Mini-workshop about reaching diverse groups, including break-out sessions for brainstorming strategies for particular communities.

**When:** Friday, April 14, 2006 from 1:00PM - 5:00 PM

**Where:** Little Priest Tribal College Library, Winnebago, NE

**Cost:** \$15 with lunch; \$10 without lunch

**Registration deadline:** April 3, 2006

Visit [http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/spring\\_meeting.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/spring_meeting.html) for further information and registration form.

## **Important Dates**

**Summer 2006 Comprehensive Exam Participants:** There will be a pre-comps webcast meeting held at UNO in Allwine Hall 308, April 28, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and is a must attend for students who are taking summer comps. If you plan on taking comps summer semester and have not yet notified Amy Adam, please do so



*"Not all who  
wander are lost."*

~ J.R.R. Tolkien



immediately. Summer Comps Week is June 17-25, 2006. If you have any further questions or concerns contact Amy Adam:

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OMAHA - Room 308 Allwine Hall (campus map:  
<http://www.unomaha.edu/pages/map.html>)

## **SISLT Calendar**

Mar 6 – Mar 24, 2006	Early Registration for Summer Semester and Fall Semester 2006
Mar 25 thru April 3, 2006	Spring Recess begins at close of day
April 8 – April 16, 2006	Winter Comps
April 28, 2006	Pre-Comps meeting for Summer Comps. 3:00 p.m., UNO campus, Allwine Hall, room
May 5 2006	Winter Semester 2006 classwork ends
May 8 2006	Final examinations begin
May 12 2006	Winter Semester 2006 ends
May 12 2006	Commencement 8:00 pm Mizzou Arena
Jun 13 2006	Summer Semester 2006 begins
June 17 – 25, 2006	Summer Comps



## **Commencement**

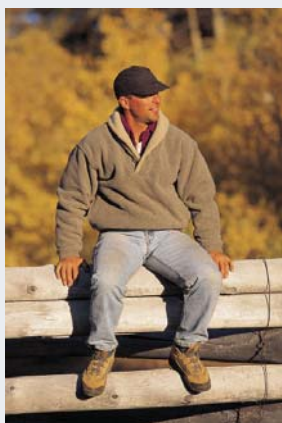
*This site has all the information that you need to prepare for the commencement ceremony in December and May – ordering regalia, where to stay, parking, etc.*  
<http://www.missouri.edu/~grads/gradpro.htm>

## **Practicum Applications**

For those who are planning on completing a practicum during the Fall 2006 semester, please see the information below. If you haven't already done so, you will need to

*"Never be afraid to  
sit awhile and  
think."*

*~Lorraine  
Hansberry, A Raisin  
in the Sun*



contact Dr. Becky Pasco at [rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu) in order to arrange your practicum.

As part of the MU MLS program, students are required to complete a practicum. A practicum is required unless the student obtains a waiver from her or his advisor.

Following are the important steps for the practicum process.

1. **Contact Dr. Pasco** and tell her what semester you want to complete your practicum and what type of library you are interested in. You will need to apply for the practicum during early registration for that semester. For instance, to complete a practicum in Winter 2007, you will need to apply for your practicum during early registration this semester (Fall 2006).
2. Also discuss how many hours/credits you will want to complete. She will handle all of the initial contacts with potential libraries/supervising librarians.
3. Decide which of the two practica courses you need to take. Course 7380 is Practicum in School Libraries and Course 7381 is Practicum in Information Agencies (Public, Academic, or Special Libraries).
4. Make sure that you have taken the prerequisite courses. The courses required for each of the practica are different, so check the guide for the appropriate course – School Libraries (7380) or Information Agencies (7381). These guides are available at [http://sislt.missouri.edu/practicum\\_faq.html](http://sislt.missouri.edu/practicum_faq.html) - scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the appropriate links. If you will be taking a prerequisite course during the semester of your practicum, check with the practicum coordinator.
5. Once the supervising librarian agrees to host you as a practicum student, Dr. Pasco will give you the appropriate contact information. You can then contact the librarian and set up an initial meeting to discuss what you will do during your practicum.
6. Either before or after you meet with your supervising librarian, you may turn in your Practicum Application to the appropriate Practicum Coordinator.

**Contact information  
for 7380:**

Linda Esser  
[EsserL@missouri.edu](mailto:EsserL@missouri.edu)  
573-882-1023

**Practicum Coordinator for  
7381:**

Anita Phipps  
[Randaph@aol.com](mailto:Randaph@aol.com)  
573-446-8716

7. Your Practicum Coordinator will approve your practicum application and will give you permission to enroll in your practicum.
8. In addition to your application, you will need to submit a learning plan for your practicum. This document will describe your learning objectives and projects that you will complete at your location. More detail about learning plan requirements is provided in your practicum guide. If you have trouble writing your learning plan, don't worry! E-mail your Practicum Coordinator, Dr. Pasco, or the current grad assistant (the practicum coordinators are very helpful, so don't be afraid to send them and outline or draft of your learning plan – they can offer suggestions).
9. Once you have completed your learning plan, send a copy to your practicum coordinator via e-mail. You will receive a response – it will either pass approval or you will be told what to change/add. If applicable, send the revised copy to your coordinator.
10. Once the coordinator approves your learning plan, you and your supervising librarian will need to sign and date the form. You will then send the signed form to your practicum coordinator.



11. You're done with application process!

Please contact Joyce Keber at [jskm84@mizzou.edu](mailto:jskm84@mizzou.edu) if you have any questions about the practicum process.

## **Scholarships**

### **NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: DUANE MUNSON SCHOLARSHIP**

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2005**

BASIC REQUIREMENTS (see complete requirements on the scholarship site):

1. Applicant will offer proof of acceptance for study.
2. Must meet BOTH of the following criteria:
  - a) Employee of a NE library or educational unit for at least one year.
  - b) Member of NLA for at least one year.

### **NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: 21st Century Librarian Scholarship: Master of Library Science**

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/mls/mlsscholarships.html>

**Application Deadlines:** All application materials must be postmarked by:

- March 15 for Summer Semester/Quarter
- May 15 for Fall Semester/Quarter
- November 1 for Winter Semester/Quarter or Spring Quarter

The Nebraska Library Commission established this scholarship to provide financial support to eligible Nebraskans seeking a master of library and/or information science degree. This scholarship fulfills the requirements of the grant awarded to the Nebraska Library Commission by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians.

The Nebraska Library Commission will award ten to twenty scholarships of **\$2,500** each year for tuition, course-related materials, and fees associated with the graduate program. Scholarship funds may be used for any ALA-accredited graduate degree program in library and/or information science.

Each applicant can apply for and/or receive only one scholarship of \$2,500 during a one year period from the date of the scholarship award. Scholarship funds may be used for more than one academic semester or quarter. Applicants may receive a maximum of two scholarships during their graduate program. Scholarship funds will be deposited in the recipient's student account at the library/information science school. The first scholarships will be awarded in Fall 2005 for Winter/Spring coursework.

**To Apply:** Applicant must complete and submit the application form and all required materials.

#### **Scholarship Award Notification:**

- April 15 for Summer Semester/Quarter
- June 15 for Fall Semester/Quarter
- December 1 for Winter Semester/Quarter or Spring Quarter

#### **Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

Current Nebraska residency.

- Demonstrated acceptance by or application to an ALA-accredited graduate degree program in library and/or information science.





**Applicants, after obtaining a graduate degree in library and/or information science, agree to:**

Seek employment in a Nebraska public, school, institutional, academic, tribal, or special library in a professional librarian.

- Be willing to serve as a formal library mentor for 12 months in the Nebraska Library Commission's mentoring program after obtaining a graduate degree in library and/or information science.
- Be available for follow-up interviews by the Nebraska Library Commission for scholarship program evaluation.

**NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: LOUISE A. NIXON SCHOLARSHIP**


<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2005**

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS** *(see complete list on the scholarship web site):*

1. Accepted into an ALA accredited graduate school of library/information science
2. Must meet one of the following criteria:
  - a) Resident of Nebraska for at least one year.
  - b) Member of NLA for at least one year.
  - c) Employee, past or present, of a Nebraska library for at least one year.



NLA Scholarships	
<p><b>Louise A Nixon Scholarship</b></p> 	<p>Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about the state's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau, and as Legislative Council Librarian. She was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds became available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the blind and the physically handicapped; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded, conscientious dedication to building library service.</p> <p>The <i>Lincoln Journal</i> had this to say about Nixon on reflecting on her life, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries—facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."</p> <p>This scholarship was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision.</p> <p>Application deadline is April 15th of the current year New scholarship recipients will be announced in May</p>
<p><b>Criteria and Purpose</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The Louise A. Nixon Scholarship Fund has been established to support students who pursue graduate level library education on a full or part-time basis. Applicants must meet these Nebraska Library Association guidelines.</p>



### Applicant Requirements

Applicant must be accepted by an ALA- accredited graduate school of library/information science; OR Applicant must be accepted by a graduate library media program that meets the ALA/AASL curriculum guidelines within a unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

1. Applicant must meet one of the following criteria:
  1. resident of Nebraska for at least one year
  2. member of NLA for at least one year
  3. employee, past or present, of a Nebraska library for at least one year.
2. Applicant will submit an official copy of his/her college transcript.
3. Applicant will submit two letters of recommendation.
4. Applicant will write a statement explaining his/her employment history; his/her employment expectations after graduation; and his/her expected graduation date.
5. Applicant will provide estimated expenses.
6. A personal interview may be requested by the Scholarship Committee.

### Conditions of Scholarship

1. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate the best potential for employment in Nebraska libraries after graduation.
2. Generally, one award per person is given. Scholarship applicants must be deserving: scholarships will not be awarded automatically if only one person applies.
3. Applications must be received by the NLA Scholarship Committee on or before April 15th of the current year.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the library school. If the award exceeds remaining tuition, money can be used for school related expenses.

Application: To obtain an application, go to [www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm)



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